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ALAS! POOR CHICAGO!

Chicago is in hard luck.

First its census report is one or two millions shy of what Chicago census-stuffers think it should be.

And next, William B. Leeds, who paid one wife \$1,000,000 to be rid of her and has given his second wife \$500,000 in presents, makes it appear that Chicago divorces have gone 'way up.

These two blows must be awful for poor little Chicago to endure.

THE EVENING WORLD'S DAILY FORUM.

Signed Editorials on Leading Topics of the Day by Recognized Authorities.

CHILDREN DO NOT OVERSTUDY.

By

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I do not believe that children in the public schools are ever made insane by overstudy. Now and then a case occurs when a child loses its reasoning powers while attending school. Too often the parents do not investigate, but set the trouble down to overstudy.

As a matter of fact most of the cases are results of other causes. Insanity is often inherited; often brought on by exterior influences. It may be superinduced by study, that is all.

There are remarkably few instances of this trouble in New York schools, and their infrequency is the best argument to advance against the cry that children are crazed by application to books.

There is no doubt that more is required of pupils nowadays than formerly. But the pupil is better provided for at school. The hours are not overlong and by careful attention to work there should be small need for overstudy at home.

The tendency of the time is toward less lighting studies that the school child accomplishes the most work with the least effort.

Once in a while we hear of a case of death from protracted study by night in a desire to surpass others. Such scholars could not be held back. There is no method which would restrain them. Our teachers, however, do all they can for the pupils under their charge.

The frequency of insanity cases in school children years ago has been reduced by superior physical attention.

An isolated case of insanity, set down to overstudy, cannot be taken as a criterion. Our children are as a rule of sound body and mind.

Miles M. O'Brien

A LITTLE GIRL.

If no one ever marries me—
And I don't see why they should,
For nurse says I'm not pretty,
And I'm seldom very good—
If no one ever marries me—
I shan't mind very much;
I shall buy a squirrel in a cage,
And a little rabbit hutch;
I shall have a cottage near a wood,
And a pony all my own,
And a little lamb quite clean and tame,
That I can take to town.
And when I'm getting really old—
At twenty-eight or nine—
I shall buy a little orphan girl,
And bring her up as mine.

—Laurence Alma Tadema.

LIFE'S BALANCE-SHEET.

THE human body receives and extends about eight and one-half pounds each day. In the business world this state of affairs would indicate bankruptcy, but in the physical world there is a profit which doesn't appear on the books, says a well-known physician. "That profit is energy."

"One can put the daily income and expenditure into single-entry bookkeeping form:

Income.	Grains.	Expenditure.	Grains.
Solid food.....	8,000	Lungs give off.....	2,000
Water.....	17,500	Skin.....	11,750
Oxygen.....	11,000	Kidneys.....	21,000
		Intestines.....	2,500

Total..... 34,500 Total..... 34,500

"The body of a man weighing 160 pounds is made up as follows: Water, 70 pounds; living matter, 2 1/2 pounds; fat, 25 pounds; minerals, 13 pounds. Food must build this frame and must repair whatever losses it undergoes.

"Nitrogenous foods are obtained from the juice of meat, the white of egg, the curd of milk, the legumes of peas and beans and the gluten of bread. These foods build up the living parts of the body, the cells and tissues. The fats are heat and energy producers. Starches and sugars are energy-makers in a less degree. Minerals form bone and are used by the body in many ways. Water is the most important food."

Stretching a Penny.

A recent scientific test a worker in metals succeeded in drawing a penny out into 5,700 feet of wire.

Edible Seaweed.

There is an edible seaweed. It has flat, palm-like leaves and a central stalk. It is called the sea lettuce.

No. 14 MR. LONELY OF LOVEYDOVEYVILLE-ON-THE-SOUND;

OR, THE JOYS AND WOES OF A COMMUTER.—By T. E. POWERS.



The vegetables in Lonely's garden grew upside down.



Pillow fight with mosquitoes—every night.

A CARTOON FOR GORDON.



From Evening World, Aug. 8.
Cover each half of the picture alternately and see "Your great and good friend," Li Hung Chang, in his great transformation act.

The cartoon which he is showing is a picture of Li Hung Chang, showing Li Hung Chang as the yellow Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, who would have passed the law time. Gordon, it is related, was once revising a map of China when he placed his finger upon one particular place shown. Gordon remarked to the draughtsman who was carrying out the plan alterations, "If I had caught Li Hung Chang there I should have shot him. There can hardly be any doubt that Gordon had long believed it to be so."

Dealing with him, as the powers suspect he has been in recent dealings with them.

A GOLD-BRAIDED BOLERO.



This smart corsage is of rose-colored tulle. The short and rounded bolero is bordered with a band of white tulle striped with bands of gold braid. The bolero opens over a vest of white tulle which is cut low, and opens, in turn, over a plastron of extruded mousseline, with a straight collar. The half-length sleeve has a border at the bottom of gold braid stripes like the border of the jacket. The upper sleeve falls over a lower sleeve of white tulle striped with yellow satin bands. The high collar is of draped black tulle. The skirt is perfectly plain.

GOLD IS INSINUATING.

KEEPER keeping a cylinder of gold and one of lead together for four years at about 46 degrees Fahrenheit—that is, a comparatively cool temperature—Mr. W. Roberts-Austen found that the gold had slowly but surely made its way into, or mixed with, the lead.

Odd Fellows Win.

In the United States and Canada there are 560,000 Odd Fellows and 337,336 Freemasons.

No Telephones.
Turkey and Greece are without telephones.

WHY NOT ADOPT IT HERE?

NEW word has been introduced into the Flemish language. It is sneldersoon—soon-as-petrol—petroling. The etymology is: "Snel," rapid; "leidersoon," soon-as, "petroling," driven by petrol. The whole word, as can be easily seen, means automobile.

THESE JOKES SO JOBBY ROUT MELANCHOLY.

WHEN NOBODY WAS LOOKING.



Miss Watson. Mr. Johnson. You seem to take well at parties.
Mr. Johnson. Yes, I do. Miss Watson. I don't look like that in coat at de last party I attended.

SAFE.
Well, sir, remarked the observant passenger after watching the conductor's eight faces and ring up five. "You need never be afraid of being struck by lightning."

ABILITY.
"You say he is an able seaman?"
"Oh, yes. He is asked for three hours and was able to look out of the hall at the things that were thrown at him."

COLOR.
"Wasn't there any color about the wedding at all?"
"Yes, the bridegroom had red hair."

MOVEMENT.
"Some men," remarked Uncle Eben, "has too enough activity in 'em to keep 'em from bein' a good foh h'thin' poets."

HID BEHIND THEM.



First Passenger (behind his paper)—Newspapers are great things, aren't they?
Second Passenger (ditto)—You bet. If it wasn't for them we men would have to stand up most of the way home.

LELSKINS FOR RHEUMATISM.

THE ordinary esklin is about two feet long and two and one-half inches wide. But the use to which it is put is too strong for it.

Curious Butterflies.

A curious butterfly exists in India. The male has the left wing yellow and the right one red; the female has these colors reversed.

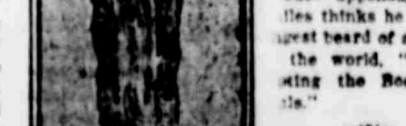
A Cashmere Shawl.

The constant labor of four persons for an entire year is required to produce a cashmere shawl of the best quality.

MINERALS GALORE.

THE soil of Peru contains the largest number of minerals of any known country. At Pura in the north petroleum and sulphur; silver, lead, copper and coal in the great mining basin of Cerro de Pasco, in central Peru, and phosphate, quicksilver, auriferous grounds and borax at Arequipa, in the south. At the present time the number of mines being worked is 2,500, employing 70,000 workmen.

THE LONGEST BEARD.



L. GUILLES, a merchant and proprietor of a planing mill at Ortonville, an inland town near Oxford, Mo., is said to have the longest beard in America. It measures exactly seven feet in length and reaches the floor when he stands on a chair. Mr. Gilles has received offers from many managers, but refuses to pose as a "beard" although he has great pride in his white appendage. Mr. Gilles thinks he has the longest beard of any man in the world, "next" to the Bear Girdle.

Bird Massacre.

Two hundred thousand seagulls are shot every year around the coasts of Britain.

Many Left Home.

During 1899 6,832 Irishmen emigrated, nearly 5,000 more than in the preceding year.

Hamburg's Dogs.

Dogs in Hamburg are taxed according to size. The bigger the dog, the higher the tax.

Motors for Guns.

The French War Department is conducting experiments with heavy motor cars for transporting field guns.

Three Gauges.

There are three different railway gauges in Australia—3 feet 6 inches, 4 feet 8 1/2 inches and 5 feet 3 inches.

RARE CHINESE POSTAGE STAMPS.



The Chinese postage stamps, as will be seen from these specimens, are as decorative as most other products of the Flowery Land. The stamp of 16 candareens is vermilion in color; it sells here at \$1.00. The Chiao stamp is a beautiful pale green. The stamp marked at half a cent is brown in color. The dragon in the centre is supposed to be of a species which is a charm against evil.

THE FIRST CAMPAIGN TWINS.

MCKINLEY AND ROOSEVELT.

In this picture McKinley and Roosevelt Zoli, sixteen-day old twins, of Lebanon, Pa., are shown in the arms of their aunt. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zoli and are the first campaign twins born in this country. The aunt holds McKinley in her left arm and Roosevelt in her right arm. They are both snoring peacefully, dreaming probably of the prospects of the coming election.



Zoli pere is a Republican and an enthusiastic supporter of the Philadelphia nominees, otherwise he would not have handicapped the youngsters with the same he has given them. Little Roosevelt squirmed and kicked and squaled when the photographer started to take his picture, which was a slightly thing to do and entirely unlike his great prototype, who has faced all sorts of snapshot results and the camera's mouth.

Washday Balloons.

Balloons are used for drying linen in Paris laundries. Bamboo frames are attached to a captive balloon, and the clothes are attached to them. The balloon makes six ascents daily to a height of about 100 feet.

A Place of Long Lives.

Ardnamurchan, on the west coast of Scotland, is a great place for longevity. Within 50 years many of the inhabitants have been cut off at varying ages between 100 and 112.

Hard-Earned Salt.

The inhabitants of Palmyra get all their salt by dipping buckets into the neighboring salt lake and allowing the water to evaporate. The Turkish Government has a monopoly of the salt business.

King of Model Fathers.

King George of Greece as the father of a family may serve as a model. The first thing he thinks of is the education and welfare of his children.



The Day's Love Story.

A Wife and a Fortune.

HAVE you heard the news about Miss Temple, Ned?"

"No," said Charley Ashton, as he sauntered leisurely up to Edward Farnham's desk.

The warm blood colored Ned's cheek in spite of all his struggles to prevent, and he replied:

"No, I hope no harm."

"Well, I should guess it wasn't. She's had a big fortune left her, some say five hundred thousand dollars."

An involuntary sigh escaped Ned, and he rather muttered than spoke:

"I'm sorry to hear it."

"Why, what's got into you, you ninny? Sorry! Why, I haven't heard anything to please me so much in many a day. I always liked the girl, but I'm not philosopher enough to marry for love alone. I liked her pretty well before, but can't help thinking her attractions very considerably enlarged since I heard that news. Never should have thought of anything but a pleasant acquittal—guess I'll go in for her now. Good-by, old fell, and don't hurt yourself working over those books."

Ned made no reply, but he felt as if he would like to grind beneath his heel one who could speak so irreverently of her who, to his idea, combined every grace of heart and mind and perfection of form and feature which should make up a perfect woman.

Charley Ashton lost no time in improving his opportunities for that night found him seated tête-à-tête with Miss Temple in a cozy little room in Twenty-first street.

Miss Temple was an orphan, and had for years lived with an aunt—her father's sister.

Ever the evening was over Charley Ashton had succeeded in appearing deeply in love, and now many days passed before he had proposed and was accepted.

Of all her male acquaintances Miss Temple had always preferred the two young men we have mentioned. It was true, she had rather leaned to the quiet, steady Mr. Farnham, but of late he had ceased to visit her, while Mr. Ashton's presence had been almost constant. Hence she had persuaded herself that she loved him and had accepted him.

Charley urged a speedy marriage, but Anna preferred to wait until they knew each other better.

"But," said Miss Temple, "there is another reason, and I think I can be free with you now. I have spent so much of my little income, and aunt has no spare money, so that I have no means of defraying the necessary expenses."

"But you have the fortune left you by your Australian uncle."

"I have no fortune, dear Charley. Some thought it was mine, but the fortune you probably allude to was left to my cousin, Miss Anna Thompson Temple, to whom I introduced you at the Philharmonic."

The hours of that evening dragged heavily along, and as they lengthened Mr. Charles Ashton's manner became more and more formal.

He left, and Anna's warm heart was sad as she thought over the cool manner and cooler parting. No sleep came to her eyes that night.

About a week afterward a short note informed Miss Temple that, "having lost all his savings in a bad speculation, he could not think of holding her to an engagement which would be out of his power to consummate in years."

Again our two young men met, this time on the roadway. Charley, gayly sauntering along, hailed Ned in his old familiar way.

"How—what's that?" was the eager reply.

"By the way, that fortune of Miss Temple's turns out to be all in my eye," said Ashton.

"Well, a Miss Somebody Temple had about \$100,000 left her, but it wasn't our pretty little friend."

What Farnham was thinking of we cannot say, but he did not go to the park that afternoon, and the evening found him in the little parlor which had been so often graced by Charley's presence.

The evening was over he had offered her his heart and hand. She asked three weeks to consider, he to visit her as often as he pleased. At the end of that time he was accepted, and Anna learned what true love was.

When the marriage ceremony was over Mr. Smith, one of the firm Ned worked for and uncle of Anna, called the young couple into his library, and, drawing from his safe a strong iron box, said:

"Now, young man, you're tired and hard and fast, I'll tell you. You have got an heiress, and a rich one, too."

The rest the reader can guess.

Banjo Parchment.

The parchment on the best banjos is made of goat skin.